RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2016-00531

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He receive foreign-service credit for his deployment to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He deployed to Qatar during the period 3 Aug 13 through 6 Oct 13.

The applicant’s complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant initially entered the Air National Guard (ANG).

On 23 Oct 13, the applicant was furnished an honorable discharge, and was credited with 1 year, 11 months, and 21 days of active service, to include 2 months and 7 days of foreign-service credit.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are contained in the memorandum prepared by the Air Force office of primary responsibility (OPR), which is attached at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

NGB/A1PP recommends denial indicating there is no evidence of an error or an injustice. The applicant requests to have his vMPF record updated to reflect his TDY history includes his deployment to Qatar in 2013. However, he did not exhaust his administrative remedies prior to applying to the AFBCMR. For the administrative remedies, the applicant should have provided his local Force Support Squadron (FSS) all copies of filed travel vouchers and/or DD Form 214s to receive the credit he seeks for his deployments. Recommend denial for failing to exhaust administrative remedies.

A complete copy of the NGB/A1PP evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 13 Jul 16 for review and comment within 30 days (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1.  The application was timely filed.

2.  Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice. In this respect, we note this Board is the highest administrative level of appeal within the Air Force. As such, an applicant must first exhaust all available avenues of administrative relief provided by existing law or regulations prior to seeking relief before this Board, as required by the governing Air Force Instruction. The Air Force office of primary responsibility has reviewed this application and indicated there is an available avenue of administrative relief the applicant has not first pursued. In view of this, we find this application is not ripe for adjudication at this level as there exists a subordinate level of appeal that has not first been depleted. Therefore, in view of the above, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.

THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified that all available avenues of administrative relief have not been exhausted; and the application will only be reconsidered upon submission of documentary evidence indicating that said avenues of administrative relief have been exhausted.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2016-00531 in Executive Session on 21 Mar 17 under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair

Member

Member

The following documentary evidence pertaining to AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2016-00531 was considered:

Exhibit A.  DD Form 149, dated 2 Feb 16, w/atchs.

Exhibit B.  Applicant's Master Personnel Records.

Exhibit C.  Memorandum, NGB/A1PP, dated 18 May 16.

Exhibit D.  Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 13 Jul 16.

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of AFI 36-2603 (Title 32 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 865.1), it is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.